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Title : STENT WITH VARIABLE WALL THICKNESS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Page 1, between the title and line 3, before "Field of the Invention" please insert the following:

-- Cross Reference to Related Applications

This application is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/288,406, filed April 8, 1999, now Patent No. 6,325,825.

In the Claims:

Please add the following new claims:

4. A method for making a stent having a geometric shape comprising:
- providing a metal sheet;
 - rolling said sheet within a pressurized roller to create a textured surface; and
 - cutting a geometric shape into said textured surface.